

25 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Competitive Civil Service Status

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1. [] of the Inspector General's Office telephoned this afternoon stating that she had been referred to me as "knowing everything" about the status of arrangements to permit Agency employees to transfer to the competitive service without examination. [] said her questions were prompted by an employee who was caught in the recent reductions and who had lamented his inability to transfer to work in other Federal agencies.

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2. I gave [] a brief rundown of past considerations of this problem and of the most recent efforts to obtain an Executive Order similar to that which was secured for the Foreign Service in 1968. I explained that Mr. Hampton, as Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, had recommended to the OMB that the President sign such an Executive Order; that OMB had run into complications with DOD and that OMB had referred the issue back to the CSC. I explained the relationship of the question of Veterans' Preference to the need for an Executive Order for this Agency and for the Foreign Service. I also pointed out that other agencies which could conform to provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act were in a position to negotiate directly with the CSC for interchange agreements.

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3. I told [] that I understood that Mr. Taylor, formerly of OMB and now working with [] group, was the OMB officer who had handled Mr. Hampton's request for an Executive Order. I also expressed my hope that this question was one of unfinished business which ought to be resolved whenever possible in the interests of this Agency and the Government as a whole.

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